

3 YOUTH HIT BY SECURITY VEHICLE DURING STONE-PELTING IN SRINAGAR

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SRINAGAR, June 1: Clashes occurred between protestors and police and paramilitary forces at Nowhatta here after Friday prayers at Jamia Masjid. Three persons were injured, one of them critically, when hit by a security vehicle during clashes.

A videographer was also injured when he was hit by a stone.

The incident occurred day after Anjuman-e-Auqaf Jama Masjid and local police agreed on truce agreement to prevent protests inside fences. Subsequently, police was withdrawn from there and volunteers of Auqaf were frisking the people going inside the mosque for prayer.

Witnesses said three youth were hit by a CRPF vehicle which was attacked with stones at Nowhatta Chowk after clashes broke out between agitating youth and government forces post Friday congregational prayers.

They said as soon as Friday prayers ended in Jamia Masjid this afternoon, dozens of youth amid pro-freedom slogans took out a protest rally towards Nowhatta Chowk. However, contingents of police deployed in advance prevented them from moving ahead, triggering clashes between the two sides.

Police used tear smoke shells to disperse the agitating youth who however offered stiff resistance and engaged police and paramilitary forces in pitched battles.

The situation turned ugly after a CRPF vehicle injured three youth when it came under the attack of stone pelting youth at Nowhatta Chowk amidst total chaos and confusion in the area.

Yunis Nisar Bhat, son of Nisar Ahmad Bhat of Dalgate area, was crushed by the

CRPF vehicle leaving him critically injured. The 29 years old youth, according to witnesses, was hit back to back by the vehicle and was taken to the hospital by his friends.

A videographer identified as Nasir working with New Delhi based news agency received abdominal injury after being hit with a stone.

Two other youth who were allegedly hit by the same CRPF vehicle were also taken to the hospital. However, their identity could not be ascertained immediately.

Given the ferocity of clashes in volatile Nowhatta, authorities deployed additional forces in the area to prevent protests.

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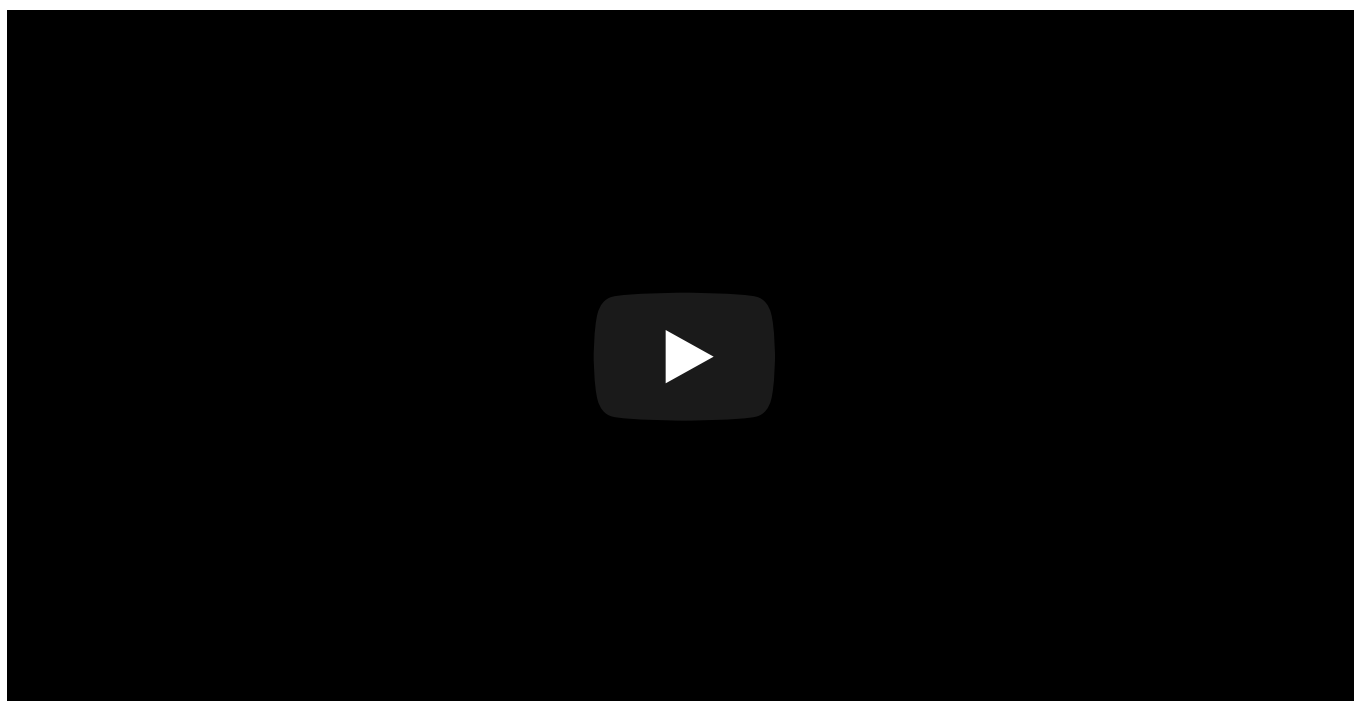
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